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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
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REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE REVISED PLANS OF EXPENDITURE, THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR
EXPENDITURE AND REALLOCATION OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FOR
VARIOUS PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate \$632,707.57 in residual Specified and Per Parcel Discretionary Funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 for six new and one ongoing project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the El Sereno Recreation Area Project, the Mar Vista Gardens Basketball Court Improvement Project, the Rosecrans Center Sports Field Improvements Project, the Mid Valley Multipurpose Center Project, the Strathern Park North Restroom Building Project, and the Holleigh Bernson Outdoor Fitness Equipment Project, are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the projects consist of rehabilitation and replacement of existing structures with no expansion of capacity, installation of small new structures and minor alterations to the condition of land for the reasons stated herein and reasons reflected in the record of the Projects.
2. Certify that the Board, as a responsible agency under California Environmental Quality Act, has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed Sheldon Arleta Phase IIIA Project (as described below) and the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the City of Los Angeles in June 2004 as lead agency; determine that the documents adequately address the environmental

impacts of the proposed project; find that your Board has complied with the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act with respect to the process for a responsible agency and adopt by reference the City of Los Angeles' Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

3. Approve the revised plan of expenditure in the total of \$136,822.13 for the proposed new El Sereno Recreation Area Project, by reallocating \$74,200.36 in Per Parcel Discretionary Funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) for the Eagle Rock Recreation Center Childcare Project and \$62,621.77 in Specified Funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(vi) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the Ramona Gardens Development Project.

4. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for the proposed new Mar Vista Gardens Basketball Court Improvements Project reallocating \$17,189 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(vi) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the City Housing Authority Mar Vista Gardens Project.

5. Approve the revised plan of expenditure in the total of \$8,919.71 to supplement funding for the ongoing Mid Valley Multipurpose Center Project, by reallocating \$2,273.01 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V) (i) for the Elysian Park –Buena Vista Hill Park Development Project and \$6,646.70 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(viii) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the Urban Impact Parks – Poinsettia Recreation Center Redevelopment Project.

6. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for the proposed new Rosecrans Center Sports Field Improvements Project reallocating \$68,970.41 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(vi) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the City Housing Authority Nickerson Gardens Project.

7. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for the proposed new Sheldon Arleta Phase IIIA Project reallocating \$2,501 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(vii) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the Sepulveda Basin Balboa Park Development Project.

8. Approve the alternative plan for expenditure to supplement funding for the ongoing Mid Valley Multipurpose Center Project reallocating \$126,876.30 in Specified Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF)(ix) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the Sepulveda Park West Property Project.

9. Approve the reallocation in the total of \$225,384.72 of Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, \$150,384.72 to the proposed new Sheldon Arleta Phase IIIA project and \$75,000 to the new Strathern Park North Restroom Building Project, allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 for the Branford Recreation Center Childcare Project.

10. Approve the reallocation of Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in the total of \$46,044.30, out of

which \$33,066.51 for the proposed new Holleigh Bernson Outdoor Fitness Equipment Project, and the balance of \$12,977.79 for the ongoing Mid Valley Multipurpose Center Project allocated to the City of Los Angeles in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the Chatsworth, Mason, Northridge, and Winnetka Parks Air Conditioners Project, and the Carey Ranch and the Stonehurst Recreation Center projects, respectively.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate \$632,707.57 in Specified and Per Parcel Discretionary Funds allocated to the City of Los Angeles (City) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 (the 1992 and 1996 Propositions). The \$632,707.57 is the residual balance resulting from the completion of projects with grant funds previously awarded to the City pursuant to the 1992 and 1996 Propositions. The projects, projects descriptions, the funding reallocations requested, additional funds, and total project cost are listed below.

THE EL SERENO RECREATION AREA PROJECT – (FIRST DISTRICT)

The proposed Project is a new project for construction of landscaping, irrigation, and pathways. The project will be funded entirely with the requested \$74,200.36 of residual Per Parcel Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition for the Eagle Rock Recreation Center Childcare Project and \$62,621.77 of residual Specified Funds, originally allocated to the City Housing Authority in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2) of the 1992 Proposition, Subparagraph (V)(vi) for the Ramona Gardens Development Project.

MAR VISTA GARDENS BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – (SECOND DISTRICT)

A new project to remove existing asphalt, replace the asphalt and stripe it for a new basketball court. The project will be funded entirely with the requested reallocation of \$17,189 in residual Specified Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(vi) of the 1992 Proposition for the City Housing Authority Mar Vista Gardens Project.

ROSECRANS CENTER SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – (SECOND DISTRICT)

A new project to construct a baseball and a softball field, synthetic turf soccer field, basketball court and make improvements to the parking lot, landscaping, lighting and fencing. The project will be funded with the requested reallocation of \$68,970.41 in residual Specified Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(vi) of the 1992 Proposition for the City Housing Authority Nickerson Gardens Project.

MID VALLEY MULTIPURPOSE CENTER PROJECT – (THIRD DISTRICT)

The Mid Valley Multipurpose Center Project is an ongoing project and consists of construction of a 2,500-square-foot multipurpose recreation building. The Project currently is partially funded with \$1,000,000 in Specified funds allocated to the City in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF)(xiv) of the 1996 Proposition. The City requests a total reallocation of \$148,773.80, which includes \$2,273.01 in residual Specified Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(i) for the Elysian Park –Buena Vista

Hill Park Development Project and \$6,646.70 in residual Specified Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(viii) of the 1992 Proposition for the Urban Impact Parks – Poinsettia Recreation Center Redevelopment Project as well as \$126,876.30 in residual Specified Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (FF)(ix) for the Sepulveda Park West Property Project, \$ 477.79 in residual Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition for the Carey Ranch Project, and \$12,500.00 for the Stonehurst Recreation Center Project.

SHELDON ARLETA PHASE IIIA PROJECT – (THIRD DISTRICT)

A new project to construct three soccer fields, a baseball field, parking, install irrigation, a pre-fabricated restroom building, drinking fountains, fencing and utilities. The Project will be funded with the requested total reallocation of \$152,885.72, of which \$2,501 in residual Specified Funds, originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (V)(vii) for the Sepulveda Basin Balboa Park Development Project and \$150,384.72 in residual Per Parcel Discretionary Funds originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition for the Branford Recreation Center Childcare Project.

STRATHERN PARK NORTH RESTROOM BUILDING PROJECT – (THIRD DISTRICT)

A new project to install a State-approved restroom/concession building that includes infrastructure. The project will be funded with the requested reallocation of \$75,000 in residual Per Parcel Discretionary Funds originally allocated to the City in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition for the Branford Recreation Center Childcare Project.

HOLLEIGH BERNSON OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT PROJECT – (FIFTH DISTRICT)

The proposed Project is a new project. The Project consists of site preparation, purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment. The project will be funded entirely with the requested reallocation of \$33,066.51 in residual Per Parcel Discretionary Funds originally allocated to the City in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition for the Chatsworth, Mason, Northridge, and Winnetka Parks Air Conditioners Project. This project was completed below budget.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by providing enhanced recreational opportunities in the City of Los Angeles in the Second, Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in the amount of \$632,707.57, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Changes.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 and 1996 Propositions set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the two Propositions and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds, as follows:

SPECIFIED FUNDS – 1992 PROPOSITION

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by the Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting.

SPECIFIED FUNDS – 1996 PROPOSITION

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by the Board.

PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – 1992 PROPOSITION

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (9), Subsection (e) of the 1992 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 1996. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1996-97, any Per Parcel Discretionary Funds not committed to expenditure are available for your Board to award for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority and fit within one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition.

PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS – 1996 PROPOSITION

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (d) of the 1996 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 2001. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2001-02, any Per Parcel Discretionary Funds not committed to expenditure are available for your Board to award for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority and fit within one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

If your Board denies the City's requests, the City may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

EL SERENO RECREATION AREA PROJECT

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Project, which includes construction of landscaping, irrigation, and pathways, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of installation of small new structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

HOLLEIGH BERNSON OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT PROJECT

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which includes site preparation, purchase, and installation of outdoor fitness equipment, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of installation of small new structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

MAR VISTA GARDENS BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which includes replacement of existing basketball court, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Section 15302 (c) the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves replacement of existing structures with no expansion of capacity.

MID VALLEY MULTIPURPOSE CENTER PROJECT

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which includes an ongoing construction of a 2,500-square-foot multipurpose recreation building, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Section 15303 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 3 (d) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves new minor construction.

ROSECRANS CENTER SPORTS FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which includes construction of a baseball and a softball field, synthetic turf soccer field, basketball court and improvements to the parking lot, landscaping, lighting and fencing, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (d), 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(c), 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed Project involves rehabilitation of existing structures with no expansion of capacity, installation of small new structures and minor alterations in the condition of land.

STRATHERN PARK NORTH RESTROOM BUILDING PROJECT

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which includes installation of a State-approved restroom/concession building that includes infrastructure, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it

meets criteria set forth in Section 15303 (d) (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3 (a) (b) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves minor new construction.

SHELDON ARLETA PHASE IIIA

The City has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed Project. The City, in its role as lead agency in matters pertaining to compliance with CEQA, adopted the MND in June 2004, found and determined that with the implementation of mitigation measures as a condition of approval there was no substantial evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment; found that the MND reflected the independent judgment of the City; approved the MND, and determined that the project will have no adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources. As part of the scope of the MND, a Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP) was included. The MMRP has been implemented by the City.

With respect to your Board's approval of the Sheldon Arleta Phase IIIA Project described herein, the County also acts as a responsible agency for the purposes of CEQA, and therefore, we recommend that your Board independently consider and adopt the MND and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements and an Amendment will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreements and Amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the City may proceed with the six projects, if all applicable conditions of the grants are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

8/7/2012

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors